

QUEBEC CHURCH LIES IN RUINS

Ancient Notre Dame, One of Finest in All Canada

DEFECTIVE WIRING GIVEN AS CAUSE

The Church was First Used in 1650: Many Times Renewed

Quebec, Dec. 22.—Fire, thought to have started from a short circuit in the electrical wiring, destroyed Notre Dame church here early to-day. It was considered one of the finest and most artistic church buildings in Canada and the interior had been renewed recently at a cost of \$300,000. The loss was said to be covered by insurance.

SIX BUILDINGS AFIRE

And Many People Driven Out in New York Fire.

New York, Dec. 22.—Several persons were reported injured and more than a score driven into the street in scanty night attire early to-day when six dwellings and a four-story tenement in Brooklyn caught fire. Four alarms drew apparatus from as many stations and four ambulances with eight surgeons were sent to the scene.

YALE STUDENT KILLED

When Automobile Skidded Into Tree Near Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Miller Resor of Boston, a student at Yale, was killed early to-day in an automobile accident in Fairmount park. With two classmates, Edward Tresell and Harry Saures, both of Philadelphia, Resor was returning to this city from the Philadelphia Country club, when their motor car skidded on the East river drive, and crashed into a tree. Resor's skull was fractured and he died before reaching the hospital.

MAXIMUM SENTENCE

Imposed On Two Men Convicted in Cliftonville Mine Riot.

Wellsburg, W. Va., Dec. 22.—Judge J. B. Somerville has overruled motions for new trials for Pete Radakovich and Teddie Arunski, convicted of conspiracy in connection with the Cliftonville mine rioting July 17, when Sheriff H. H. Duval and six others were killed. He sentenced the defendants to serve ten years each in the state penitentiary at Moundsville. The sentence was the maximum under the conspiracy law.

HIGHEST MAIL EVER KNOWN

New York Receiving About 6,000,000 Letters a Day.

New York, Dec. 22.—New York's Christmas mail is expected to be the heaviest in the city's history to-day. Yesterday outgoing parcels were thirty five per cent greater than on the same day a year ago and incoming letters totaled 6,000,000. The average number of letters received daily is 5,000,000.

American Naval Mission in Rio Janeiro

Rio Janeiro, Dec. 22.—The American naval mission to Brazil, headed by Rear Admiral Volgelesang arrived here yesterday.

Research

"What is the professor up to now? Last time I saw him he was trying to get blood from turnips."

Billiousness

Lowers your spirits, dulls your brain, causes constipation, etc.

Hood's Pills

Made by C. I. Hood Co., Lowell, Mass.

The HE-Man's Pen

with over-size ink capacity and 25 year point

THE MORNING NEWS SUMMARY

Premier Poincare tells Senate that France no longer has to wait upon United States for solution of inter-allied problem.

Suggestion of mediation by United States in German reparations situation revives deep interest in England.

Theodore Melchior, Hamburg banker, reported on way to Paris with unofficial plan for payment by Germany of twenty billion gold marks in lump sum.

Senate finally confirms nomination of Pierre Butler to be justice of United States supreme court.

Fire wipes out Dearborn street railroad station in Chicago, leaving eight railroads temporarily homeless.

Mrs. Hazel Hirsch is acquitted of charge of shooting her husband at home of Reine Davies, sister of Marion Davies, at Freeport, Long Island.

Notre Dame Roman Catholic church in Quebec, originally built in 1647, is practically destroyed by fire.

Mrs. Doris Rankin Barrymore gets interlocutory decree of divorce from Lionel Barrymore of noted theatrical family.

Alexander Doyle, noted American sculptor, dies in Boston.

Steamer West Hardaway again picked up adrift at sea, this time by United States shipping board steamer West Haven. Position given as 400 miles east of Halifax.

Robert S. Hale, Harvard '91, advocated two Yale-Crimson football games on same day, one at New Haven and the other at Cambridge, Massachusetts.

Manassas anthracite coal shortage for winter months placed at less than 700,000 tons.

NORTH DAKOTA LEGISLATURE FORCES ECONOMY PLAN

State Taxes Have Been Increased Over Sixteen Million in Seven Years.

Bismarck, N. D., Dec. 22.—Financial and public welfare problems, and others having to do with political considerations, will face the North Dakota legislature when it convenes here on Jan. 3. For the first time in three regular sessions and two special sessions, it will not be controlled by the Non-partisan league, a small majority in both House and Senate being members of the Independent Voters' association, a coalition of progressive Republican and Democrats.

Questions of economy will be the first to come before the legislative session. State taxes have increased \$16,000,000 since 1915, largely through increases in road and school taxation. Reduction in the number of banks in the state also will be considered. North Dakota has an average of a bank and a half per thousand population. The present law discourages consolidation of banks and an act that will permit their turn over without closing or liquidation, is expected to be passed.

Legislation also is expected looking toward the closing of industrial experiments of the league that have proved unprofitable. The league closed the experimental creamery at Werner and stopped erection of buildings in its home building experiment. Most of these industrial experiments were adopted as initiated measures. Increase in the power of the farm loan department and provision for the operation of the state owned mill at Grand Forks, are among other expected legislative considerations. One unit of the mill is running, the complete operation of which the independent administration pledged "an honest effort to determine if it is a successful experiment."

Consideration of a complete list of laws regarding children and the revamping of the health laws of the state to meet present conditions are the chief welfare measures to be acted upon. A children's code commission has been at work for two years and with the help of the children's bureau at Washington, a system of laws has been compiled. The health laws presented will be largely an attempt to consolidate and systematize the present health agencies, with some attempts made at the enlargement of the field.

BANTAMWEIGHT BOUT

Jos Lynch and Midget Smith to Meet in New York.

New York, Dec. 22.—Joe Lynch and Midget Smith will battle for the world's bantamweight championship in a 15 round bout at Madison Square Garden to-night. Lynch, the present champion, is one of the few ring stars who ever regained a lost title. After losing the crown to Peter Herman in July 1921, Lynch recovered it last summer, by defeating Johnny Buff, Herman's conqueror.

Doubt has been expressed as to whether Smith would be able to make 118 pounds, the bantamweight limit, but he tipped the scales exactly that figures late yesterday. The articles call for both men to weigh in 2 o'clock this afternoon.

This will be the third meeting of the two, Lynch gaining the decision in one engagement and the other ending in a draw.

FRANK FRISCH DECLINES

To Be Considered for Presidency of Ball Players' Union.

New York, Dec. 22.—Frank Frisch, star infielder of the Giants, who has been nominated along with George Burns of the Cincinnati Reds and Jack Fournier of the St. Louis Cardinals, for presidency of the new baseball players union, will decline to accept the office if he is elected in the mail balloting now going on.

SHOT AT MEN WADING IN LAKE

Louisiana State Guardsmen Discovered Party Early To-day

WHERE SEARCHERS LOOK FOR BODIES

Of Two Men Who Mysteriously Disappeared Last Summer

Mer Rouge, La., Dec. 22.—State guardsmen early to-day shot at men they saw wading about in Cooper lake, near here, which was searched yesterday for the bodies of Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, who were believed to have been victims of masked and white robed men who abducted them and three companions last August. Two of the detail of six soldiers at the lake hurried to Mer Rouge and department of justice agents and the entire company of militiamen stationed here went to the lake in automobiles.

Further search of La Fourche lake, partly searched Wednesday, was the effort outlined to-day for the guardsmen and a diver. The plan of search includes exploration of every lake in Morehouse parish.

The investigation which resulted in a decision by the state authorities to search the lakes has been under way nearly four months, it was said to-day. Governor Parker and Attorney General Coxe are reported to have begun their inquiry immediately after the kidnapping, but have declined to divulge its results.

The investigators are said to have obtained evidence that on the night of the kidnapping all telephone wires between Mer Rouge and Bastrop were cut. The identity of the man who ordered the cutting of the wires, it was stated, is known to the investigators.

A number of civilians who accompanied the troops to Cooper lake reported that no one had been found near the points where the guards report having seen a number of men wading about. The militia company was ordered to camp at the lake.

EAGLE FOUGHT HARD

And Was Only Dispatched When Clubbed On Head.

Salisbury, Md., Dec. 22.—That the American eagle would fight to its death rather than suffer the humiliation of defeat was borne out to-day when Charles A. Taylor of Quantico told of his battle with an eagle which assumed the offensive until it was killed. The bird, which was of the bald-headed species, measured six feet, seven inches between the tips of its wings, and will be mounted for exhibition.

Taylor, who was driving along a country road, was attracted by a noise in a clump of bushes. Upon investigation, he discovered the eagle endeavoring to rise in the air with the head of a full grown hog. Before Taylor could realize what was happening, the bird started an onslaught against him. In the struggle, the eagle was knocked to the ground several times, each time recovering and resuming the attack. Only after receiving a blow upon the head from a club, rendering it unconscious did the eagle give up the fight.

The Demand for Poetry

Foreigners, not always with complimentary intent, used to say that an American was better at doing than thinking and that this continent's particular contribution to civilization was large-scale production and great engineering feats such as the Old World never attempted. Recently some outside observers have begun to notice what must have become very obvious to our native critics, that there has recently been an extraordinary demand for poetry in this country. There are ten or a dozen magazines devoted exclusively to poetry; the most widely circulated daily newspapers and weeklies all print poems, many of them of a high order; there are many poetic societies springing up all over the country, and at least one large university formally invited a poet, as a poet, to take his place on its faculty and do what he could to stimulate an interest in poetry among the students.

These newspapers and magazines of large circulation would not continue to print poetry unless the managers and editors who direct them were convinced that it was of interest to their readers. Poetry is not yet a best seller, but it is a good seller. Librarians report that poetry, both classics and contemporary verse, is much in demand and not merely among teachers and professional students. This tendency does not mean that the United States is losing its practical capacity and great engineering skill and losing itself in poetic dreams and visions. It does signify that North America, which in this instance may include Canada, where precisely the same tendencies may be noted, is more and more advancing toward a literary independence and seeking to express in its own language its reaction to its environment. Besides, is not the dominant note of America's great engineering works imagination rather than mere technical skill, just as imagination and not the knack of versifying is the raison d'être of poetry?—Baltimore American

A Prejudiced Court

You didn't agree to get the lady a divorce? "No," said the lawyer. "She told me she was a Broadway wife with a Main street husband, and while I can understand why she wants her freedom, the chances are the case would be tried before a Main street judge."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

HOARSENESS

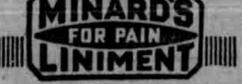
Swallow slowly small pieces—rub well over throat.

VICKS

See 17 Million Just Used Today



Backache Rheumatic Pains. Rub It In. Also for pleurisy, pains in the chest, side or back, neuralgia, inflammation, muscular rheumatism, bruises, swellings, frost bites, chilblains, stiff joints and muscles. The favorite family liniment for over 65 years.



BRITISH PRESS SKEPTICAL

About Proposal for American Commission to Visit Germany.

London, Dec. 22.—Considerable caution, amounting sometimes to frank skepticism, is manifested by this morning's newspapers in the discussion of the proposal for an American commission to visit Germany. Some of the papers bring forward semi-official denials that Great Britain has received, much less, accepted, the proposal, and warn against putting faith in these "American canards."

In quarters where it is admitted as probable that Germany initiated such a proposal the idea is received with strong suspicion of Teutonic motive. "It would be most unwise," writes the financial editor of the Post, "to allow these constant rumors of American intervention to divert attention from the one undoubted fact of the situation, namely that the next cash installment of the reparations is due Jan. 15 and that it behooves the allies to come to a definite conclusion in the meantime regarding the course to be adopted unless Germany previously presents satisfactory proposals."

FREEDOM CHRISTMAS GIFT

More than 20 Persons Convicted in Detroit Traffic Cases.

Detroit, Dec. 22.—More than 20 persons connected with traffic law violations and sentenced to short jail terms learned to-day that they would be given their liberty as a Christmas gift.

Their release was ordered by Judge Charles L. Bartlett, who has sentenced several hundred reckless drivers during the past year.

Silence Is for the Vanquished. "Say, pa, I had a fight with Jimmy Green to-day."

"Did you whip him?" "Gee, pa, ain't I tellin' you about it?"—Boston Transcript.

CLAIMS P. O. DEFICIT

Gen. Charles G. Dawes Makes Public "Submerged" Balance Sheet.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—General Charles G. Dawes, former director of the national budget, to-day made public what he termed the "submerged" balance sheet of the postoffice department. It showed a deficit of \$16,198,000 for the first three months of this year.

The Chicago Tribune printed what it said was a reproduction of the balance sheet, accompanied by a letter from J. C. Knapp, vice-president of the Otis Elevator company, who assisted in making out the report.

Liabilities of the postoffice department, according to the reproduced report were \$140,846,590 for the first three months of the year and assets were \$124,648,590.

"I have endeavored to produce a true picture of the postoffice operations by taking the regular postoffice accounts alone (which alone do not give the true picture), and adding to them what they lack," Mr. Knapp's reproduced letter reads.

"I believe that each government department can be successfully placed on this basis. When accomplished, a consolidation of them will produce a balance sheet and operating statement of the United States," it concluded.

"Bureaucrats" were charged with attempting to throttle the government in a statement by General Dawes regarding the postoffice balance sheet. Although the balance sheet had been approved by Will Hays, former postmaster general, General Dawes said he had heard nothing of the postoffice balance sheet and declared the government's accounting to-day to be "a disgraceful and archaic system."

He said the disappearance of the balance sheet could not be dismissed as "a great fuss about nothing."

HINTON STARTS AGAIN

Left in Seaplane from Natal, Brazil, for Cabedello.

Natal, Brazil, Dec. 22. (By the Associated Press)—Lieutenant Walter Hinton and his fellow aviators left here in their seaplane for Cabello this morning. Cabello is a coast town about 100 miles south of here.

How About Their Own Little Girls?

We read in the news dispatches that the head of a firm of brokers in Chicago, whose recent financial crash made a moment's sensation in the street, went Christmas shopping and bought just one present—a \$200 dollhouse for his little daughter, which he said he had to buy because, while the rest of the world knew he was broke, it couldn't be explained to little Betty.

No doubt little Betty will be happy with her dollhouse. Who paid for it?—Boston Globe.

Whoever did, if they are mothers and fathers, won't object to \$200 lost from their assets if that \$200 gratifies a little girl's request to Santa Claus.—Worcester Telegram.

HOME MADE CHRISTMAS CANDY

PURE AND FRESH DAILY. ALSO OTHER VARIETIES

Mitchell's Candy Store

72 North Main Street

Now is the Time This Is the Place

For the last minute Christmas shoppers to make a quick decision, especially men who are looking for something useful.

A Vacuum Cleaner is the most sanitary machine ever invented for the home. \$30.00 buys the best suction sweeper in the market. \$55.00 buys the famous Hamilton Beach sweeper with the motor driven brush which beats and sweeps the carpet better than any other machine.

We have more Table Lamps which we are closing out at very reasonable prices considering the quality.

Electric Grills, both round and square, make a nice gift for MOTHER to make a quick meal. These will look especially well on the gift table Christmas morning.

A Parlor Fixture or Dome for the dining room make a beautiful gift that will be used every day in the year.

The young lady will appreciate a Curling Iron or a Boudoir Lamp. It will make her think of you every day.

Of course these are only a few of the many attractive gifts which we are calling to your attention. Come in and let us help you make your selection.

Barre Electric Co.

Tel. 98 "For Your Electric Wants"

Now, You'll Have to Hurry!

Just one more day—no more—in which to complete your buying for Christmas gift making.

We feel safe in stating that we can satisfy your demands even though the hours are short before the big day of pleasure giving.

Stocks are fine to select from yet. Plenty of clerks. No waiting. You are sure to find what you would give here.

We wish you all—everybody—a Merry Christmas—not just this one—lots of 'em!

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Home of Hart Schaffner & Marx Clothes
Barre's Leading Clothiers,
122 North Main St. Tel. 275-M.

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Two More Days Before Christmas Extra Special

\$1.50 Pyralin Ivory Combs89c
\$1.25 Pyralin Ivory Combs79c
50c Pyralin Ivory Combs39c
Pyralin Ivory Glove Boxes, Clocks, Mirrors, Brushes, Nail Files, etc.

Thermos Bottles

Nickel Corrugated, pint size\$1.96
Nickel Corrugated, quart size\$2.98
FERRSTAT VACUUM BOTTLES Unbreakable.
Pint size\$7.50
Quart size\$10.00

Cigars

In boxes of 10, 25 and 50 Cigars.
75c, \$7.50.

Apollo and Liggett's Chocolates

1/2, 1, 2, 3 and 5-lb. boxes45c, \$6.00

Safety Razor Specials

\$5.00 Gillette's\$4.40
\$5.00 Auto Strop\$4.25

Stationery

In Holiday boxes35c, \$3.00
Shaving Mirrors and Shavings Sets\$3.00, \$7.50

Columbia Grafonolas and Records

A Gift for the Whole Family.
Toilet Waters and Perfumes50c, \$4.00

Eversharp Pencils

Enamel, Silver and Gold50c, \$6.00
Eversharp Pencils and Fountain Pens, in gift boxes, \$5.50, \$15.00

The Red Cross Pharmacy

Gifts that Last

What makes a better gift than Jewelry—something that will remind the recipient for years of your thoughtfulness—an enduring emblem of friendship and affection?

Our stock of Jewelry is complete and we feel sure that in it you can find a suitable gift for everyone on your list.

See our showing of beautiful Gruen Watches, the celebrated Vatti Pearl Necklaces and our complete line of Hawke's Cut Glass.

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To Cure a Cold in One Day
Take Laxative BROMO QUININE tablets. The box bears the signature E. W. Grove. (Be sure you get BROMO).